



Port Community Information Bulletin # 08-05

Marine Safety Office
Tampa, Florida

(813) 228-2189

Effective Date: April 21, 2005

Expiration Date: Until further notice

FACILITY SECURITY PLAN ANNUAL AUDITS

This PCIB is a reminder that facilities must conduct an annual audit of their Facility Security Plan (FSP). The regulatory requirements are contained at 33 CFR 105.415.

The FSO must ensure that the audit is conducted no later than one year from the initial date of approval and attach a letter to the FSP certifying that it meets the regulatory requirements. The regulations specify that unless impracticable due to the size and nature of the company or the facility, the person conducting the audit must:

1. Have knowledge of methods for conducting audits and inspections, and security, control, and monitoring techniques;
2. Be independent of the security measures being audited; and
3. Not have regularly assigned security duties, unless the size and nature of the company, vessel or facility makes it impractical.

Companies arguing that their size and nature warrants the use of security personnel to conduct their audit should contact the Marine Safety Office before conducting the audit to gain concurrence with this assertion.

If the results of an audit indicate that an amendment to the security assessment or plan is appropriate, a proposed amendment shall be submitted to the COTP within 30 days after completion of the audit.

/s/
J. M. FARLEY
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
Captain of the Port